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| For               | : 2" OXO-VORUSCHARIN AND DERIVATIVES THEREOF |
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned U.S. application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 30 of this paper.